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SUBJECT: DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFLE

REF: MASERU 1064

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT FOR ASST. SECY. SCHAUFLE FOR USE
OCTOBER 3 ON ARRIVAL IN MASERU. APPRECIATE THIS MAY NOT BE UP TO
DATE. TEXT OF AFRICAN PRESIDENTS STATEMENT STILL NOT AVAILABLE
HERE. HAVE THEREFORE INSERTED TEXT OF DEPTS STATEMENT WHICH MIGHT
BE MODIFIED FOR EVENTUAL USE IN MASERU.

2. REALIZE PROPOSED STATEMENT COVERS A LOT OF GROUND AND DEPARTS
FROM SUBJECT OF INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE AND EXPECTED THAT ASST. SECY. SAY SOMETHING ON THE
AIMS AND STATUS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN NEGOTIATIONS OF RECENT DATE.

3. HAVE INCLUDED PHONETIC PRONUNCIATIONS BECAUSE OF MY
EXPERIENCE IN DEPT WHERE I RARELY IF EVER HEARD "MASERU"
OR "LESOTHO" CORRECTLY PRONOUNCED.

4. ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE IN MASERU (MA-SAIR-ROO, ACCENT ON
SECOND SYLLABLE) AS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO BRING YOU HIS GREETINGS AND THOSE OF
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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE INDEPENDENCE OF LESOTHO (LE-SOO-TOO). THIS OCCASION IS THE MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR ME AS AN AMERICAN BECAUSE THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE THIS YEAR COINCIDES WITH THE BICENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. INDEPENDENCE IS A FRAGILE THING. IT IS BOTH SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL AND REQUIRES CONSTANT SUSTENANCE AND RENEWAL. THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO LONG AGO MADE CLEAR THEIR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM AND DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE. TODAY LESOTHO IS STRENGTHENING AND GIVING NEW MEANING TO ITS INDEPENDENCE WITH A WIDESPREAD AND INTENSIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE. THE EFFORT TO DATE HAS BEEN COMMENDABLE. MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AND IS PARTICIPATING ALONG WITH OTHER DONORS IN AN EXPANDING DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN YOUR COUNTRY. WE ARE INCREASING OUR ASSISTANCE AND EXPECT TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN EXCESS OF \$35 MILLION TO YOUR NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN.

IN RECENT MONTHS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, SEEING THE RISING THREAT OF FULL-SCALE WAR AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, HAS DEVOTED ITS ENERGIES TO ASSISTING IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF THIS AREA. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WE DECIDED TO MOVE AHEAD FIRST ON THE MATTER OF A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHOSE ROLE IN RHODESIA IS PRIMARY, AND WITH AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE MOST CLOSELY CONCERNED, THE UNITED STATES HAS SOUGHT TO USE ITS POSITION AND INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE AND AN ERA OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL IN A NEW ZIMBABWE. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS EMPHASIZED OFTEN DURING THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS THAT OUR ROLE IS A FACILITATIVE ONE. ULTIMATELY, IT IS THE PARTIES AND GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WHICH MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO EFFECT A SETTLEMENT. A FEW DAYS AGO THE RHODESIAN REGIME ANNOUNCED ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE AFRICAN LEADERS CONCERNED. THESE PROPOSALS EMBODY THOSE PUT FORWARD BY THE THEN BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. CALLAGHAN, LAST MARCH -- A TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS. AS ACCEPTED BY THE RHODESIANS, THE PROPOSALS INCLUDED SETTING UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN SALISBURY AND A PROGRAM OF INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING AND FINANCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUARANTEES TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE.

THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS MEETING IN LUSAKA HAVE ACCEPTED THE BASIC PROPOSAL WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS. THEY HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF INDEPENDENCE. THESUS IS NOW CONSULTING WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM

WITH RESPECT TO THE CALL FOR THE MEETING TO ORGANIZE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AT WHICH THE STRUCTURE AND DETAIL OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT CAN BE FINALLY DETERMINED. THE ROAD TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS NOW OPEN.

MY GOVERNMENT IS GRATIFIED WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE PROPOSALS. THIS, OF COURSE, IS BUT ONE STEP IN A LONG PROCESS. TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED END -- A NEW ZIMBABWE UNDER MAJORITY RULE -- AND TO AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED, THERE MUST BE COOPERATION AND FOREBEARANCE ON ALL SIDES. WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT FURTHER RECOURSE TO VIOLENCE WILL BE AVOIDED AND THAT RHODESIA WILL BECOME IN ZIMBABWE AN EXAMPLE OF THE TRUE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE EXERCISE OF THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY - EQUALITY, PEACE, PROSPERITY AND GOOD WILL.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MY STAY IN LESOTHO AND TO SHARING WITH YOU THE CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE. I AM PLEASED ALSO TO HAVE THIS OCCASION TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR CONTINUING COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY AND TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF YOUR LEADERS ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS THAT BESET SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE VALUE THEIR OPINIONS AND THEIR COUNSEL IN FORMULATING OUR OWN POLICIES AND APPROACHES TO THESE PROBLEMS.

IN CLOSING I SHOULD LIKE TO WISH THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO A JOYFUL AND HAPPY TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE AND TO VOICE AGAIN THE WARM GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.
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